

AMENDMENTS TO THE CLAIMS

Applicant submits below a complete listing of the current claims, including marked-up claims with insertions indicated by underlining and deletions indicated by strikeouts and/or double bracketing. This listing of claims replaces all prior versions, and listings, of claims in the application:

1. (Currently Amended) A method for managing a peer-to-peer collaboration system, the method comprising:
 - (a) using client software operating in a first device and a second device to connect a first user of the first device to a second user of the second device, ~~without the assistance of a server so that collaborative information is sent directly between~~ in a peer-to-peer collaboration session including the first user and second user, the first user having a first identity in a shared space and the second user having a second identity in the shared space;
 - (b) sending a request from a management server to the first user to become a managed entity;
 - (c) downloading from the management server to the client software a definition file containing a definition of the managed entity;
 - (d) associating information in the definition file with the first user identity and device information in the client software operating in the first device in order to create the managed entity; and
 - (e) interacting, between the management server and the client software, to exchange management information associated with the managed entity separately from the collaborative information exchanged between the first user and the second user.
2. (Previously presented) The method of claim 1 wherein the managed entity is a managed user and the definition file is an injectible identity file.

3. (Previously presented) The method of claim 1 wherein the managed entity is a managed device and the definition file is a device information file.
4. (Original) The method of claim 3 wherein the device information file is a Windows REG file.
5. (Previously Presented) The method of claim 1, wherein interacting comprises:
 - i) sending at least one license file from the management server to the managed user; and
 - ii) in response to information in the license file, enabling at least one function in the client software.
6. (Previously Presented) The method of claim 1, wherein interacting comprises:
 - i) sending at least one policy restriction file from the management server to the managed user; and
 - ii) in response to information in the policy restriction file, restricting at least one function in the client software.
7. (Previously Presented) The method of claim 1, wherein interacting comprises:
 - i) creating a client list of licensed components and policy restrictions in the client software of the managed user;
 - ii) sending the client list to the management server;
 - iii) creating a server list of licensed components and policy restrictions in the management server;
 - iv) comparing the client list to the server list; and
 - v) adjusting and synchronizing the components in the client software based on the comparison on step iv).
8. (Previously Presented) The method of claim 7 wherein step v) comprises downloading and installing licensed components from the management server to the client software which components are on the server list and are not on the client list.

9. (Previously Presented) The method of claim 7 wherein step v) further comprises revoking licenses in the client software of components that are on the client list and are not on the server list.
10. (Previously Presented) The method of claim 7 wherein steps i) to v) are repeated periodically.
11. (Previously Presented) The method of claim 1, wherein interacting comprises:
 - i) periodically sending event notifications and statistical information from the client software of the managed user to the management server.
12. (Original) The method of claim 11 wherein the event notifications include error notifications.
13. (Original) The method of claim 11 wherein event notifications and statistical information are temporarily stored in a memory located at a client site.
14. (Currently Amended) Apparatus for managing a peer-to-peer collaboration system, the apparatus comprising:
 - client software operating in a first device and a second device, the software connecting a first user of the first device to a second user in a peer-to-peer collaboration session including ~~without the assistance of a server so that collaborative information is sent directly between the~~ first and second users, the first user having a first identity in a shared space and the second user having a second identity in the shared space;
 - management software that sends a request from a management server to the first user to become a managed entity;
 - a download manager that downloads from the management server to the client software a definition file containing a definition of the managed entity;

a mechanism in the client software that associates the definition information with the first user identity and device information operating in the first device in order to create the managed entity; and

a mechanism that exchanges information relating to the managed entity between the client software and the management software, the information relating to monitoring operation of the managed entity and/or synchronizing the managed entity with information on the management server.

15. (Previously presented) The apparatus of claim 14 wherein the managed entity is a managed user and the definition file is an injectible identity file.

16. (Previously presented) The apparatus of claim 14 wherein the managed entity is a managed device and the definition file is a device information file.

17. (Original) The apparatus of claim 16 wherein the device information file is a Windows REG file.

18. (Previously Presented) The apparatus of claim 14, wherein the mechanism that exchanges information comprises:

license control software in the management server that sends at least one license file from the management server to the managed user; and

license control software in the client software that, in response to information in the license file, enables at least one function in the client software.

19. (Previously Presented) the apparatus of claim 14, wherein the mechanism that exchanges information comprises:

policy control software in the management server that sends at least one policy restriction file from the management server to the managed user; and

policy control software in the client software that, in response to information in the policy restriction file, restricts at least one function in the client software.

20. (Previously Presented) The apparatus of claim 14, wherein the mechanism that exchanges information comprises:

- management software in the management server that creates a client list of licensed components and policy restrictions in the client software of the managed user;
- a transport mechanism that sends the client list to the management server;
- management software in the client software that creates a server list of licensed components and policy restrictions in the management server;
- a mechanism that compares the client list to the server list; and
- a mechanism that adjusts and synchronizes the components in the client software in cooperation with the comparison mechanism.

21. (Original) The apparatus of claim 20 wherein the adjusting and synchronizing mechanism comprises a download manager that downloads and installs licensed components from the management server to the client software which components are on the server list and are not on the client list.

22. (Original) The apparatus of claim 21 wherein the adjusting and synchronizing mechanism further comprises a mechanism that revokes licenses in the client software of components are on the client list and are not on the server list.

23. (Previously Presented) The apparatus of claim 21 wherein the adjusting and synchronizing mechanism operates periodically.

24. (Previously Presented) The apparatus of claim 14, wherein the mechanism that exchanges information comprises:

- customer service management software that periodically sends event notifications and statistical information from the client software of the managed user to the management server.

25. (Original) The apparatus of claim 24 wherein the event notifications include error notifications.

26. (Original) The method of claim 24 wherein event notifications and statistical information are temporarily stored in a memory located at a client site.

27. (Currently Amended) A computer program product for managing a peer-to-peer collaboration system, the computer program product comprising a computer usable medium having computer readable program code thereon, including:

program code operable in devices for connecting a first user to a second user in a peer-to-peer collaboration session including without the assistance of a server so that collaborative information is sent directly between the first and second users, the first user having a first identity in a shared space and the second user having a second identity in the shared space;

program code for receiving a request from a management server to the first user to become a managed entity;

program code for downloading from the management server to client software a definition file containing a definition of the managed entity;

program code for associating information in the definition file with the first user identity and device information in the client software in order to create the managed entity; and

program code for interacting with the management server to exchange information relating to the managed entity within a collaboration session using the shared space.

28. (Previously presented) The computer program product of claim 27 wherein the managed entity is a managed user and the definition file is an injectible identity file.

29. (Previously presented) The computer program product of claim 27 wherein the managed entity is a managed device and the definition file is a device information file.

30. (Original) The computer program product of claim 29 wherein the device information file is a Windows REG file.

31. (Previously Presented) The computer program product of claim 27, wherein the program code for interacting comprises:

program code for sending at least one license file from the management server to the managed user; and

program code that responds to information in the license file for enabling at least one function in the client software.

32. (Previously Presented) The computer program product of claim 27, wherein the program code for interacting comprises:

program code for sending at least one policy restriction file from the management server to the managed user; and

program code that responds to information in the policy restriction file for restricting at least one function in the client software.

33. (Previously Presented) The computer program product of claim 27, wherein the program code for interacting comprises:

program code for creating a client list of licensed components and policy restrictions in the client software of the managed user;

program code for sending the client list to the management server;

program code for creating a server list of licensed components and policy restrictions in the management server;

program code for comparing the client list to the server list; and

program code that cooperates with the comparing program code for adjusting and synchronizing the components in the client software.

34. (Original) The computer program product of claim 33 wherein the program code for adjusting and synchronizing the components comprises program code for downloading and installing licensed components from the management server to the client software which components are on the server list and are not on the client list.

35. (Original) The computer program product of claim 33 wherein the program code for adjusting and synchronizing the components further comprises program code for revoking licenses in the client software of components are on the client list and are not on the server list.

36. (Previously Presented) The computer program product of claim 33 wherein the program code for adjusting and synchronizing the components operates periodically.

37. (Previously Presented) The computer program product of claim 27, wherein the program code for interacting comprises:

program code for periodically sending event notifications and statistical information from the client software of the managed user to the management server.

38. (Original) The computer program product of claim 37 wherein the event notifications include error notifications.

39. (Previously presented) The computer program product of claim 37 further comprising program code for temporarily storing event notifications and statistical information in a memory located at a client site.

40. (Canceled).

41. (Currently Amended) Apparatus for managing a peer-to-peer collaboration system in which users having identities are directly connected to each other in a collaboration session using a shared space by client software operating in devices and wherein the users can communicate with a management server using the client software, the apparatus comprising:

means operable in devices for connecting a first user having an identity in the shared space to a second user having an identity in the shared space in a peer-to-peer collaboration session including ~~without the assistance of a server so that collaborative information is sent directly between the first and second users without an intervening server;~~

means for sending a request from a management server to the first user to become a managed entity;

means for downloading from the management server to client software a definition file containing a definition of the managed entity;

means in the client software for associating the definition of the managed entity with the first user identity and device information in the client software in order to create the managed entity; and

means for exchanging management information associated with the managed entity, the management information relating to the collaboration session, and the management information being exchanged between the client software and the management server.

42. (Previously presented) The apparatus of claim 41 wherein the managed entity is a managed user and the definition file is an injectible identity file.

43. (Previously presented) The apparatus of claim 41 wherein the managed entity is a managed device and the definition file is a device information file.

44. (Original) The apparatus of claim 43 wherein the device information file is a Windows REG file.

45. (Previously Presented) The apparatus of claim 41, wherein the means for exchanging management information comprises:

means for sending at least one license file from the management server to the managed user; and

means responsive to information in the license file for enabling at least one function in the client software.

46. (Previously Presented) The apparatus of claim 41, wherein the means for exchanging management information comprises:

means for sending at least one policy restriction file from the management server to the managed user; and

means responsive to information in the policy restriction file for restricting at least one function in the client software.